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PREFACE

The ***2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates*** reports the requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund to fund the operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2015. Together with the *2015-16 Government Estimates*, this document identifies the total requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund for the year.

This **Preface** provides a summary of the various kinds of information presented, an overview of the appropriations process, definitions of supply votes and selected terms, and a summary of any major changes in organization.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** illustrates how the supply votes will be presented in the schedule to the *Appropriation Act, 2015* to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary information is provided in the following tables:

- Voted Spending by Office,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted by Office, and
- Full Time Equivalent Employment.

The **details provided for each office** presents information on amounts for each office to be drawn from the General Revenue Fund as required by section 24 of the *Financial Administration Act*. The details include the following information, as applicable:

- Amount to be Voted,
- Supplementary Financial Information (including a statement of objective and services provided),
- Voted Spending by Program,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted,
- Operational Statement, and
- Capital Plan Spending (where applicable).

Appropriations from the General Revenue Fund

In Alberta, the supply process is governed by the conventions and legal requirements of the Canadian Constitution, Alberta's *Financial Administration Act*, and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

When the *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, it will be moved to Committee of Supply. The Standing Orders direct that Committee of Supply will vote on the report without debate or amendment. The supply votes as approved by the resolutions of Committee of Supply will be drafted into the *Appropriation Act, 2015 Bill* introduced to the Legislative Assembly. Once this bill is enacted by royal assent, the Legislative Assembly and its Offices will have the authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund up to the limits of the supply votes set out in the *Act*.

The *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* details the estimated amounts required by each office for the coming year. Each Office's estimate amounts are divided into:

- those that require authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund under a supply vote pursuant to an appropriation act, and
- those that do not require a supply vote because no cash disbursement is required.

Most non-cash amounts are for expenses related to cash disbursed under a supply vote in a prior fiscal year. For example, amortization expense is related to the cash disbursements authorized under a capital supply vote when the capital asset was acquired. Other non-cash amounts are for transactions that will not require cash, such as the year-over-year changes in vacation benefit liabilities.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

An **Estimate** is the amount requested by an Office of the Legislative Assembly to meet each of its planned commitments for the fiscal year. The *Financial Administration Act* requires the *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* to report estimates of any amount that will require a cash withdrawal from the General Revenue Fund during the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2015.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation from the *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* that defines the amount of cash funding that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose. Unlike government departments, each office's cash funding requirements for any and all expense, capital investment and financial transactions requirements are combined in a single vote for each Office and the Assembly itself.

An **Appropriation** is an authorization to withdraw and expend public money from the General Revenue Fund or another provincial fund or account. The *Financial Administration Act* requires that all such authorities be provided in legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly. Appropriations may be created by an appropriation act or under an existing statute. Appropriations under an appropriation act must be created pursuant to a supply vote, or a set of supply votes, as resolved by the Committee of Supply.

Expense amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of salaries, supplies and services, operating grants, capital grants to parties outside the Consolidated Government, as well as interest expense and other debt servicing costs for borrowing related to both capital and general government purposes.

Capital consists of cash disbursements for the purposes of investments by the Consolidated Government in tangible capital assets valued at $5,000 or more.

Financial Transactions consist of cash disbursements for the purposes of payments for the reduction of a liability (including debt repayment), expenses to be recognized in a future year, the acquisition of financial assets, or the purchase of inventories.

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

SUPPLY VOTES AS PRESENTED IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL

OFFICE and VOTE		2015-16 Estimate
Support to the Legislative Assembly	$	68,199,000
Office of the Auditor General	$	26,754,000
Office of the Ombudsman	$	3,282,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	$	31,685,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	$	1,153,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	$	6,843,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	$	13,242,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	$	1,249,000
Total amount to be voted under section 1 of the *Appropriation Act, 2015*	$	152,407,000

VOTED SPENDING BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
Support to the Legislative Assembly	66,011	57,878	**66,356**
Office of the Auditor General	27,045	26,719	**26,619**
Office of the Ombudsman	3,349	3,263	**3,282**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	6,017	7,424	**31,185**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	973	896	**1,153**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,983	6,770	**6,843**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	12,427	12,319	**13,192**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,274	1,210	**1,249**
Sub-total	124,079	116,479	**149,879**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
Support to the Legislative Assembly	3,127	3,338	**1,566**
Office of the Auditor General	255	275	**135**
Office of the Ombudsman	-	9	**-**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	500	231	**500**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	-	19	**-**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	75	75	**50**
Sub-total	3,957	3,947	**2,251**
ACQUISITION OF INVENTORY			
Support to the Legislative Assembly	277	244	**277**
Total	128,313	120,670	**152,407**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED BY OFFICE

EXPENSE			
Support to the Legislative Assembly	277	3,095	**277**
Office of the Auditor General	370	292	**250**
Office of the Ombudsman	56	39	**52**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	685	469	**720**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	25	17	**24**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	74	84	**74**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	369	325	**411**
Total	1,856	4,321	**1,808**

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

	Comparable 2014-15 Budget	**2015-16 Estimate**
Support to the Legislative Assembly	407	**405**
Office of the Auditor General	148	**148**
Office of the Ombudsman	25	**25**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	19	**19**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	4	**4**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	42	**42**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	61	**66**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	8	**8**
Total	714	**717**

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Support to the Legislative Assembly

THE HONOURABLE ROBERT E. WANNER
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
W.J. DAVID McNEIL
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	69,415	61,460	**68,199**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings, and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone, and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances, living expenses, and contributions for retirement investment plans to or on behalf of Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of premiums for health and disability benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of expenses associated with the redevelopment of the Edmonton Federal Building for space to be occupied by the Legislative Assembly (in addition to costs borne by Alberta Infrastructure).

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable		
		2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	22,645	15,364	**23,584**
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	35,269	31,843	**34,312**
3	Government Members' Services	3,033	2,744	**4,927**
4	Official Opposition Services	2,309	2,014	**1,482**
5	Liberal Opposition Services	849	862	**894**
6	NDP Opposition Services	774	819	**815**
7	Independent Member's Services (Kennedy-Glans, MLA)	-	69	-
9	Independent Member's Services (Webber, MLA)	-	79	-
10	Independent Member's Services (Anglin, MLA)	-	52	**192**
11	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Allen, MLA)	183	54	-
12	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	544	3,552	**150**
14	Contingency Funding Possible Changes in Remuneration	405	426	-
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	150	489	**100**
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	126	-	**126**
12	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	2,851	2,849	**1,340**
ACQUISITION OF INVENTORY				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	277	244	**277**
Total		69,415	61,460	**68,199**

The 2015-16 Estimate amount above was approved at the February 4, 2015 meeting of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services. The details of this estimate reflect the number of private members in each caucus at that time and an independent member. The total Estimate to be appropriated has not changed, nor will it, for changes that have occurred in the composition of the 29th Legislature.

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
	NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
	Amortization	-	2,635	-
	Cost of Goods Sold and Inventory Disposals	277	245	**277**
	Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	215	-
Total		277	3,095	**277**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
Premiums, Fees and Licences	2	-	**2**
Other	314	833	**400**
Total	316	833	**402**
EXPENSE			
Support to the Legislative Assembly	66,288	60,973	**66,633**
Total	66,288	60,973	**66,633**
Net Operating Result	(65,972)	(60,140)	**(66,231)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Support to the Legislative Assembly	3,127	3,338	**1,566**

ALBERTA

Office of the Auditor General

MERWAN N. SAHER
Auditor General

The vision and mission of the Office of the Auditor General is making a difference in the lives of Albertans by identifying opportunities to improve the performance of and confidence in the public service.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
AUDITOR GENERAL	27,300	26,994	**26,754**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To serve the Legislative Assembly and Albertans by examining and reporting publicly on government's management of, and accountability practices for, the public resources entrusted to it. Under the *Auditor General Act*, the Auditor General is the auditor of all government ministries, departments, funds and provincial agencies.

To succeed we must be, and be seen to be, independent and accountable for results.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Office's core business is legislative auditing done through six lines of interrelated but different types of audit work:

1. **Financial statements**—providing assurance on the quality of the recurring financial reporting to the Legislative Assembly of an average of 150 entities, including the government's consolidated financial statements.
2. **Compliance with laws**—identifying and reporting publicly if there has been non-compliance with the law.
3. **Performance measures**—reporting on the reliability, understandability, comparability, and completeness of selected performance measures.
4. **Results analysis**—developing a methodology to add credibility to management's analysis of performance.
5. **Systems**
   - **Stand-alone audits**—answering the question for major programs or initiatives, "Does the organization have the policies, processes and controls to accomplish its goals, including procedures to measure and report on effectiveness?"
   - **By-products of other audits**—recommending how to improve governance and accountability, internal control over financial management, information technology, or performance reporting.
6. **Research and advice**—researching to understand issues or to identify best practices. At the request of an organization of which the Office is the auditor, or a Committee of the Assembly, the Office may provide advice on a proposed course of action or a matter being studied.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
1 Office of the Auditor General	27,045	26,719	**26,619**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
1 Office of the Auditor General	255	275	**135**
Total	27,300	26,994	**26,754**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE			
NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
Amortization	370	292	**250**
Total	370	292	**250**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
None	-	-	-
EXPENSE			
Office of the Auditor General	27,415	27,011	**26,869**
Total	27,415	27,011	**26,869**
Net Operating Result	(27,415)	(27,011)	**(26,869)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Auditor General	255	275	**135**

ALBERTA

Office of the Ombudsman

PETER HOURIHAN
Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman responds to complaints of unfair treatment by provincial government authorities and designated professional organizations.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
OMBUDSMAN	3,349	3,272	**3,282**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Ombudsman responds to complaints by the public of unfair treatment through the administrative actions or decisions of the provincial government authorities, the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services and designated professional organizations. The Office conducts independent and impartial investigations into these complaints and, as warranted, provides recommendations to the respective authorities.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates and conducts investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Offers education/training to assist Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services in developing policy and procedures that enhance administrative fairness.

Offers outreach services across Alberta to increase/enhance awareness of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within his jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
1 Office of the Ombudsman	3,349	3,263	**3,282**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
1 Office of the Ombudsman	-	9	**-**
Total	3,349	3,272	**3,282**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE			
NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
Amortization	56	39	**52**
Total	56	39	**52**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
Other Revenue	-	1	-
Total	-	1	-
EXPENSE			
Office of the Ombudsman	3,405	3,302	**3,334**
Total	3,405	3,302	**3,334**
Net Operating Result	(3,405)	(3,301)	**(3,334)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Ombudsman	-	9	-

ALBERTA

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

GLEN RESLER
Chief Electoral Officer

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	6,517	7,655	**31,685**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates, party leadership contests and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, third party advertisers and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
1 Corporate Services	4,549	3,997	**4,358**
2 Elections	1,468	3,427	**23,516**
3 Enumerations	-	-	**3,311**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
1 Corporate Services	500	231	**500**
Total	6,517	7,655	**31,685**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE			
NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
Amortization	685	469	**720**
Total	685	469	**720**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
Various	-	11	-
Total	-	11	-
EXPENSE			
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	6,702	7,893	**31,905**
Total	6,702	7,893	**31,905**
Net Operating Result	(6,702)	(7,882)	**(31,905)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	500	231	**500**

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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

MARGUERITE TRUSSLER
Ethics Commissioner

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, the *Lobbyists Act*, and certain portions of the *Public Service Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
ETHICS COMMISSIONER	973	896	**1,153**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide Members of the Legislative Assembly, Designated Office Holders, and certain staff working in the Premier's and Ministers' Offices, with advice and recommendations regarding understanding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest pertaining to those individuals.

To create and maintain a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly, Designated Office Holders, and certain staff in the Premier's Office and Minister's Offices regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
1 Office of the Ethics Commissioner	973	896	**1,153**
Total	973	896	**1,153**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE			
NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
Amortization	25	17	**24**
Total	25	17	**24**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
None	-	-	-
EXPENSE			
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	998	913	**1,177**
Total	998	913	**1,177**
Net Operating Result	(998)	(913)	**(1,177)**

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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

JILL CLAYTON
Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	6,983	6,789	**6,843**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

VISION

A society that values and respects access to information and personal privacy.

OBJECTIVE

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta (the Commissioner) is an independent Officer of the Legislature and reports directly to the Legislative Assembly.

Through the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), the Commissioner performs the legislative and regulatory responsibilities set out in the following laws:

- the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP),
- the *Health Information Act* (HIA), and
- the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA)

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Commissioner is generally responsible for monitoring the administration of these laws (the Acts) to ensure their purposes are achieved. More specifically, the Commissioner's statutory powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Providing independent review and resolution on requests for review of responses to access to information requests and complaints related to the collection, use and disclosure of personal and health information.
- Conducting investigations on any matters relating to the application of the Acts, whether or not a review/complaint is requested.
- Conducting inquiries to decide questions of fact and law and issuing binding orders, whether or not a review is requested.
- Receiving comments from the public concerning the administration of the Acts.
- Giving advice and recommendations of general application respecting the rights or obligations of stakeholders under the Acts.
- Engaging in or commissioning research into any matter affecting the achievement of the purposes of the Acts.
- Commenting on the implications for freedom of information or for protection of personal privacy of proposed legislative schemes and existing or proposed programs.
- Commenting on the implications for access to or protection of health information.
- Commenting on the privacy and security implications of using or disclosing personal and health information for record linkages or for the purpose of performing data matching.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,983	6,770	**6,843**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT			
1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	-	19	-
Total	6,983	6,789	**6,843**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE			
NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
Amortization	74	84	**74**
Total	74	84	**74**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
Various	-	3	-
Total	-	3	-
EXPENSE			
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	7,057	6,854	**6,917**
Total	7,057	6,854	**6,917**
Net Operating Result	(7,057)	(6,851)	**(6,917)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	-	19	-

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Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

DEL GRAFF
Child and Youth Advocate

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate champions child and youth rights, amplifies child and youth voices, and fosters child and youth participation.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE	12,502	12,394	**13,242**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate provides individual and systemic advocacy services for children and youth in the child intervention and youth justice systems. The Advocate investigates systemic issues arising from serious injury to or death of a child receiving a designated service. In carrying out this function, the Advocate will have the powers of the Commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*. The Advocate may appoint lawyers to represent children with respect to any proceeding under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* and the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Advocate on behalf of individual children and youth receiving designated services by ensuring that their rights, interests, and viewpoints are acknowledged and acted upon.
2. Provide quality legal representation to children and youth receiving services under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.
3. Conduct investigations into systemic issues arising from the serious injury to or death of a child that received designated services.
4. The Advocate will promote the rights, interests and viewpoints of vulnerable children through participation in processes in which decisions are made about them, and through public education.
5. Identify areas of systemic improvements in government systems that will enhance services for vulnerable children and youth.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable		
		2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1	Child and Youth Advocate's Office	785	654	**710**
2	Advocacy Services	3,230	2,975	**3,151**
3	Systemic Advocacy and Quality Assurance	366	273	**815**
4	Legal Representation for Children and Youth	3,971	4,247	**3,980**
5	Investigations	810	945	**1,429**
6	Engagement and Education	1,269	1,192	**1,221**
7	Strategic Support	1,996	2,033	**1,886**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
7	Strategic Support	75	75	**50**
Total		12,502	12,394	**13,242**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
	NON-CASH AMOUNTS			
	Amortization	241	237	**283**
	Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	128	88	**128**
Total		369	325	**411**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
Various	-	3	-
Total	-	3	-
EXPENSE			
Child and Youth Advocate's Office	844	691	**741**
Advocacy Services	3,236	2,969	**3,170**
Systemic Advocacy and Quality Assurance	366	273	**823**
Legal Representation for Children and Youth	3,965	4,262	**3,990**
Investigations	827	965	**1,461**
Engagement and Education	1,273	1,210	**1,231**
Strategic Support	2,285	2,274	**2,187**
Total	12,796	12,644	**13,603**
Net Operating Result	(12,796)	(12,641)	**(13,603)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Strategic Support	75	75	**50**

ALBERTA

Office of the Public Interest Commissioner

PETER HOURIHAN
Public Interest Commissioner

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner serves Albertans by facilitating the disclosure and investigation of significant matters relating to departments, public entities or offices of the legislature that employees believe may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER	1,274	1,210	**1,249**

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner's governing legislation is the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* which creates a safe avenue for public service employees to report, internally or to the Public Interest Commissioner, wrongdoing and/or reprisals relating to Alberta government ministries, agencies, boards, commissions and other jurisdictional entities. The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner conducts independent and impartial investigations into public service employees' concerns and makes recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Facilitate the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters relating to departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

Protect employees who make those disclosures in accordance with the Act.

Manage, investigate and make recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

Promote public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
EXPENSE			
1 Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,274	1,210	**1,249**
Total	1,274	1,210	**1,249**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable		
	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Actual	**2015-16 Estimate**
REVENUE			
None	-	-	-
EXPENSE			
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,274	1,210	**1,249**
Total	1,274	1,210	**1,249**
Net Operating Result	(1,274)	(1,210)	**(1,249)**